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This guide will provide visual examples of citing the following in APA style:

- Blogs
- Musical recordings
- Films
- Television and radio programs
- Online dictionary entries
- Websites

Be sure to check out Part 1, which provides additional visual guides for citing different source types.

Citing a blog or podcast

Structure:

Author, F. M. (Year, Month, Date of post). Title of blog post [Web log post].
Retrieved from URL of blog post

*Note: If a full name is not given, use the author’s screen name or handle instead.

Blog Post



The image shows a screenshot of a blog post from FiveThirtyEight. The post title is "Senate Control in 2014 Increasingly Looks Like a Tossup" by Nate Silver. The date is July 15, 2013. The author's name is "By NATE SILVER". The first sentence of the post is "This weekend's announcement by the former governor of Montana, Brian Schweitzer, that he would not seek that state's Democratic nomination for Senate represents the latest in a series of favorable developments for Republicans as they seek control of the chamber".

Annotations with arrows point to:

- Date of post:** July 15, 2013, 11:20 am
- Title of blog post:** Senate Control in 2014 Increasingly Looks Like a Tossup
- Author:** By NATE SILVER

Citation:

Silver, N. (2013, July 15). Senate control in 2014 increasingly looks like a tossup [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/07/15/senate-control-in-2014-increasingly-looks-like-a-tossup/>

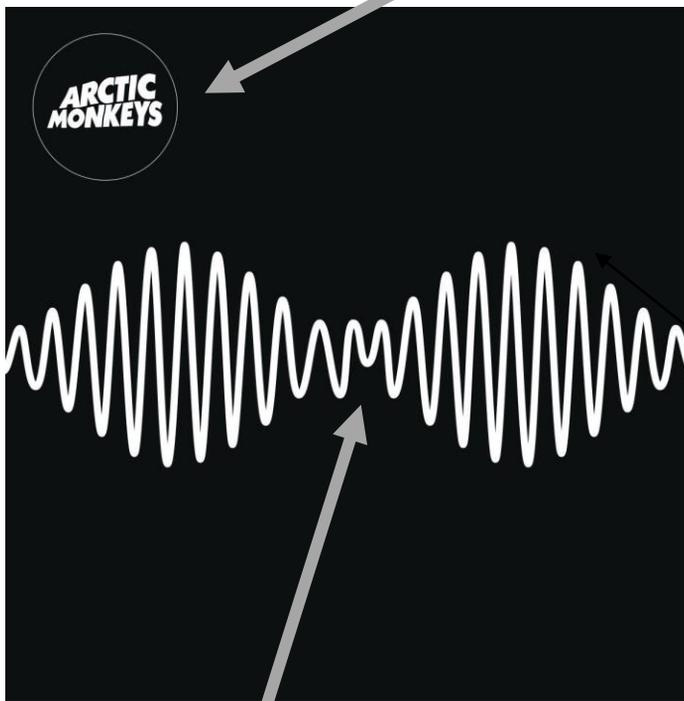
Citing a musical recording

Structure:

Songwriter F. M. (Copyright year). Song title [Recorded by F. M. Last (performer's name/musical group)]. On *Album title* [Medium of recording]. City, State of label: Record label name.

*If the songwriter and performer are the same person, leave out the bracketed data [Recorded by _____] following the song title.

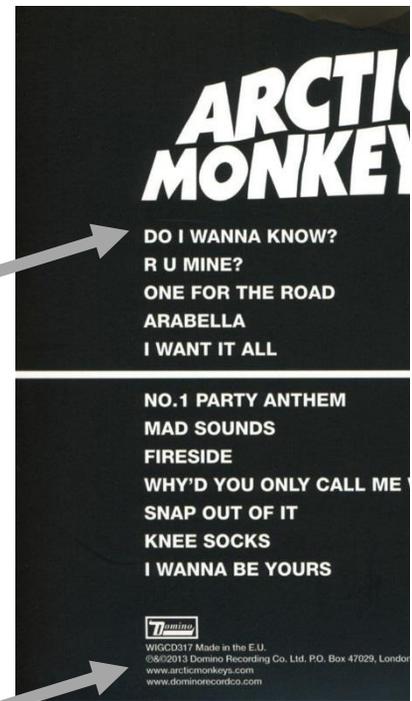
Album Cover



Artist's name

Album Title

Back Cover



Song title

Record label information

*Songwriter information can be found in the digital booklet or the CD sleeve (if you're old school!).

Citation:

Turner, A. (2013). Do I wanna know? [Recorded by Arctic Monkeys]. On *AM* [MP3 file]. London, England: Domino Records.

*In-text citations, include band or track numbers (Turner, 2013, track 1).

Citing a motion picture

Structure:

Producer, F. M. (Producer), & Director, F.M. (Director). (Release year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio.

*If you cannot locate certain bibliographic data from the film's cover, consult IMDB.com or a similar website.



Release year

Studio

Producer and director

Title of motion picture

Citation:

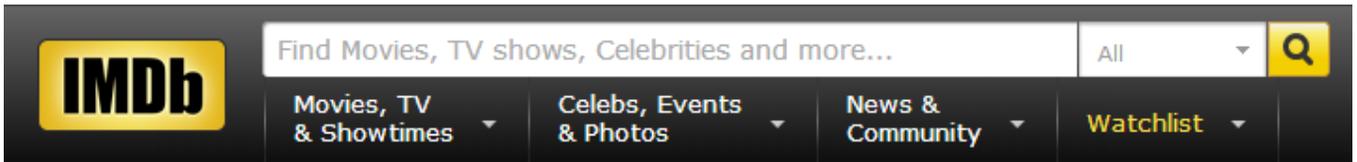
Stiller, B. (Producer) & Ayoade, R. (Director). (2011). *Submarine* [Motion picture]. United Kingdom: Film4 Productions.

Citing an episode from TV or radio show

Structure:

Writer, F. M. (Writer), & Director, F. M. (Director). (Year of airing). Episode title [Television series episode]. In F. M. Producer (Executive producer), *TV series name*. City, State of original channel: Channel.

*This information is found in the opening or closing credits of the episode. If you do not have access to the episode when compiling your bibliography, consult IMDB.com or a similar website.





House M.D. (TV Series) ← TV series name
Simple Explanation (2009) ← Episode title and year of airing
Full Cast & Crew

Directed by
 Greg Yaitanes ← Director

Writing Credits
 Leonard Dick ... (written by) ← Writer

Produced by
 Paul Attanasio ... executive producer ← Executive producer
 Eli Attie ... co-executive producer
 Peter Blake ... co-executive producer

**House, M.D.* originally aired under Fox Broadcasting, which is headquartered in Los Angeles, CA.

Citation:

Dick, L. (Writer), & Yaitanes, G. (Director). (2009). Simple explanation [Television series episode]. In P. Attanasio (Executive producer), *House, M.D.* Los Angeles, CA: Fox Broadcasting Company.

Citing an online dictionary entry

Structure:

Defined word. (Publication year). In *Website Title*. Retrieved from URL

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/food-baby. The page title is "Definition of food baby in English". The main heading is "Definition of food baby in English". Below it, the word "food baby" is highlighted. To the right of "food baby" is the text "Definition word". Below "food baby" is a "NEW" tag and the text "New words: August 2013". To the right of this is the text "Publication year". Below "New words: August 2013" is the text "noun" and "informal". Below "informal" is the definition: "a protruding stomach caused by eating a large quantity of food and supposedly resembling that of a woman in the early stages of pregnancy: a very small bump was visible in the tight frock, although it could easily have been mistaken for a food baby". Below the definition is the text "food baby in other Oxford dictionaries" and "Definition of food baby in the US English dictionary".

Annotations on the screenshot:

- An arrow points from the text "URL and website title" to the browser's address bar.
- An arrow points from the text "Definition word" to the word "food baby".
- An arrow points from the text "Publication year" to the text "New words: August 2013".
- A note below the "Publication year" annotation states: "*Publication year may also be found at the bottom of the page."
- A note below the "URL and website title" annotation states: "*Website title may also be at the top left of the page."

Here is how you would cite the entry for “food baby” from an online dictionary accessed October 22, 2013:

Citation:

Food baby. (2013). In *OxfordDictionaries.com*. Retrieved from <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/food-baby>

Citing a general website article with an author

Take note!

Many sources have APA citation formats for their online versions (e.g., online newspapers, dictionaries and encyclopedias). Check out our other guides or the APA Publication Manual (6th ed.) first to see if there is a citation for a specific source type in an online format.

Structure:

Author, F. M. (Year, Month Date of publication). *Article title*. Retrieved from URL

*Only include the retrieval date if the content is likely to change over time (such as wikis). If necessary, include the retrieval month date, year, (in that order) between “Retrieved” and “from URL” in the last segment of the citation.

**When a website does not have an article title, replace it in the citation with the website title.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Address Bar:** gizmodo.com/heck-yes-the-first-free-wireless-plan-is-finally-here-1429566597 (An arrow points to this URL with the label "URL".)
- Page Header:** "Tech By Design" and navigation links for ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, SCIENCE, SPACE, ART, APPLE, GOOGLE, MICROSOFT, MOBILE, PALEOFUTURE, TIPS.
- Author and Date:** "ERIC LIMER - PHONES - 10/01/13 9:00am" (Arrows point to "ERIC LIMER" with the label "Author" and to "10/01/13 9:00am" with the label "Date".)
- Article Title:** "Heck Yes! The First Free Wireless Plan Is Finally Here" (An arrow points to this title with the label "Article title".)
- Image:** A photograph of three smartphones, including an HTC phone in the foreground.
- Other Elements:** Gizmodo logo, "TOP STORIES" section with the headline "What's the Deal With Creatine?", and social media sharing icons (6 stars, Facebook, Twitter).

Citation:

Limer, E. (2013, October 1). *Heck yes! The first free wireless plan is finally here*. Retrieved from <http://gizmodo.com/heck-yes-the-first-free-wireless-plan-is-finally-here-1429566597>

Citing a general website article with no author

Take note!

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Structure:

Article title. (Year, Month Date of publication). Retrieved from URL

*Only include the retrieval date if the content is likely to change over time (such as this example, which includes information about Indian laws and customs). If necessary, include the retrieval month date, year, (in that order) between “Retrieved” and “from URL” in the last segment of the citation.

**When a website does not have an article title, replace it in the citation with the website title.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1139.html`. The page header includes the U.S. Department of State logo and the text "TRAVEL.STATE.GOV A SERVICE OF THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS U.S. Department of State". The main content area features a navigation menu with "INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL" selected. Below the menu, the article title "India Country Specific Information" is displayed, along with the date "October 03, 2013" and a small Indian flag. Arrows from the text above point to the URL, the article title, and the date.

Citation:

India: Country specific information. (2013, October 3). Retrieved October 23, 2013, from http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1139.html